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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 10, 2005, please re-examine and reconsider the above-identified application according to the amendments and remarks provided.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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